

control part;

a candidate character string affirmation processing part for affirming the outputted candidate character string; and

an affirmed character string storing part for storing a character string that has been affirmed with the affirmation processing part in the situation-optimized dictionary designated by the situation control part, and updating the contents of the situation-optimized dictionary dynamically.

2. (ONCE AMENDED) The device for entering a character string according to Claim 1, wherein situations acquired by the input situation acquiring part comprise at least one information selected from the group consisting of

information relating to a character string processing device to which the output candidate character string is given;

information relating to a text that the character string processing device, to which the output candidate character string is given, can output;

information relating to a position in a text that the character string processing device, to which the output candidate character string is given, can output;

information relating to a user inputting the character string.

3. (CANCELED)

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5. (ONCE AMENDED) The device for entering a character string according to Claim 1, wherein

the affirmed character string storing part stores a storage date of an affirmed character string as a last-access date when storing the affirmed character string;

the date when a character string that is already stored is accessed is used to change the last-access date; and

the last-access date is used when the candidate character string generation part generates the output candidate character string.

6. (CANCELED)

7. (ONCE AMENDED) The device for entering a character string according to Claim 1, further comprising a situation–optimized dictionary production part for producing a situation–optimized dictionary by associating character strings that are used in a pre–existing electronic text with information relating to a user creating the electronic text, information relating to a time when the electronic text has been created, and information relating to a character string processing apparatus by which the electronic text has been created.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for entering a character string comprising:  
entering a character string;  
acquiring a situation for entering a character string;  
affirming a dictionary used for generating a candidate character string or a part of such a dictionary in accordance with an acquired situation designating it as a situation–optimized dictionary;  
generating and outputting an output candidate character string that is optimal for a situation in response to an entered character string, using the designated situation–optimized dictionary;  
affirming the outputted candidate character string; and  
storing an affirmed character string in the situation–optimized dictionary, and updating the contents of the situation–optimized dictionary dynamically.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer–readable recording medium storing a program, to be executed on a computer, the program comprising:  
entering a character string;  
acquiring a situation for entering a character string;  
affirming a dictionary used for generating a candidate character string or a part of such a dictionary in accordance with an acquired situation designating it as a situation–optimized dictionary;  
generating and outputting an output candidate character string that is optimal for a situation in response to an entered character string, using the designated situation–optimized dictionary;  
affirming the outputted candidate character string; and  
storing an affirmed character string in the situation–optimized dictionary, and updating the